City Council.

The Council was in regular monthly session last night, all the members present, President Berkeley in the chair.

The committee to procure a town clock reported in favor of one to cost $800. It is to have a striking tower and 5 feet glass dials. It was ordered.

On motion of Mr. Bargamin, the committee on G & B was directed to furnish plans and a map to a landscape gardener for a complete design for the Gipsey Hill Park.

The City Attorney was requested to furnish the Council with a list of property in the city exempt from taxation.

Mr. McQualde reported an ordinance which was read and explained by Mr. Bell for the government of the fire-department, and then the rules were suspended, and it was passed.

Mr. Craig brought up the matter of the chain gang order of the City Court. A long discussion ensued. It was finally agreed that the Council had the preferred power to say whether is not a chain gang should be established. The Council decided by 10 ayes to 2 nays that it would not have it. The noes were Messrs. Bell and Weller. The proceedings will be certified to the court and a request made that the order be revoked.

The Staunton Improvement Company declined to accept the ordinance as passed for the terms of establishing a street railway and requested a Committee of Conference, which was agreed to. The Committee consists of Messrs. Tams, Bell and McQualde.

Mr. Armentrout offered a resolution directing a Special Committee to ascertain the cost of paving certain portions of Main, New, Augusta and Court-House streets with granite, Belgian block or other material.

Mr. Bell communicated the information from the Superintendent of schools of the bad condition of the roofs of both new school buildings. That they were leaking badly, the plastering falling, &c. The Committee was directed to have repairs made and hold contractors liable for costs.

Contracts between Edward Burke and Alex. Harman to attend to the service of the horse reels of the fire-department were read and approved.

The Chief of Police reported $19 50 fines and costs imposed by the Mayor for violations of law in May, collected and paid over.

The Treasurer collected $12,405.57 in May, and had on hand June 1st, $2,747.15.